

education has never been fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, despite recent large increases in federal special education funding, the federal share is still less than one-half the original commitment to states and localities:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That the Senate urges the United States Congress and President George W. Bush to increase funding for special education so that the statutory goal of providing up to 40% of the national average per-pupil expenditure required to serve children and youth with disabilities be achieved within the next three years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to President George W. Bush, the members of the Mississippi Congressional Delegation, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the State Board of Education, and the State Superintendent of Education, and be made available to the Capitol Press Corps.